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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

- 1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal (PTO/SB/05);
- 2. Form PTO-1082 (in duplicate);
- 3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

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- (ii) 2 pages of claims (10 claims);
- (iii) a one (1) page abstract; and
- (iv) <u>5,271</u> pages of a sequence listing;



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- 4. Statement Regarding Sequence Submission;
- 5. A CD-ROM containing the sequence listing;
- 6. Original Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed by inventor Timothy W. Conner (3 pages);
- 7. Original Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed by inventor James D. Masucci (3 pages);
- 8. An Information Disclosure Statement;
- 9. Form PTO-1449 (1 page), with 8 accompanying documents; and
- 10. Two (2) return postcards.

It is respectfully requested that, of the two attached postcards, one be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier, and the other, prepaid postcard, be stamped with the filing date and unofficial application number and returned as soon as possible.

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Respectfully submitted,

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